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STATE OF THE UNION

President Donald Trump called on rejecting resistance politics and appealed to bipartisanship in his State of the Union address.

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Ohio Valley Conference stars talk about their future basketball careers and how they plan to be advocates for the OVC.

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Faculty Senate to have seat dedicated to ACFs

By Analicia Haynes
Editor-in-Chief | @Haynes1943

The Faculty Senate approved a proposal that created a dedicated seat on the Senate for Annually Contracted Faculty.

The position will be a three-year term with all ACFs voting in the Senate election for the person to fill that seat.

Jeffery Stowell, the Senate vice chair, said if the dedicated seat is not filled at any time, the Senate will follow the current language in the by-laws to fill the vacancy.

He said if the seat remains vacant for less than a year then the Senate will just “plug somebody in there,” but if the seat remains vacant for longer then the Senate will have to hold another election for the next regular cycle.

“The language we already have for vacancies will fit this scenario,” Stowell said. “We don’t need to craft additional language.”

Stowell said anyone considering a position on the Senate will have to be in their fourth semester of employment at Eastern before running for any of the elected positions, which would include the new ACF position.

Todd Bruns, the Senate chair, brought the proposal to the table and said it is a way to give ACFs a voice on the Senate.

He said when he traveled to the different departments asking them what was “on their mind” and bringing those concerns and conversations back to the Senate, he learned from ACFs that they were “very excited” about a dedicated seat.

Although he thought the proposal was a way of opening the door wider for ACFs, Stowell said he thought it was missing an incentive to get ACFs to want to be on the Senate.

“There’s a reason why each of us serve on this committee, and it’s probably not just out of the goodness of your heart ... there’s an incentive it influences either our promotion and tenure or our professional advancement increase in some way,” Stowell said. “There is an incentive, and I don’t think that’s there (with the new proposal).”

Stowell said as of right now, any Unit B faculty member can run for any of the 14 seats on the Senate, and if there was an incentive for ACFs to join, he said he does not think there needs to be an “artificial seat” that is separate from the other 14.

Bruns said he disagreed with Stowell and said the incentive is having that dedicated ACF seat because it becomes the voice or the representation for ACFs.

But Stowell said he did not see historical evidence of interest from ACFs wanting to join Senate, but Bruns said it was because there was not a dedicated seat for those faculty members.

“That makes all of the difference, really, because they see that as, ‘This is our voice,’ versus right now,” Bruns said. “Yes, they can run for any of the at-large seats and they can serve, but there’s something about saying this is their voice.”

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Students decorate lanterns at the Chinese New Year celebration held at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Monday evening.

Eastern celebrates Chinese New Year

By Valentina Vargas
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“Happy New Year” was the phrase heard all throughout the night for the Chinese Lunar New Year.

The Chinese Students and Scholars, Asian American Association and University Board celebrated in a get-together with students at the Chinese Lunar New Year at the University Ballroom in Martin Luther King Union.

Zoey Zhang, the president of the Chinese Students and Scholars, wore a red lipstick and dress, which she said is the national color in their Chinese culture as seen in their flag.

She said wearing red for the New Year is one of the traditions, which is why she had decided to call the celebration the “red party.”

“Color red always means wealthy, and good luck, and something good will happen in our culture,” Zhang said.

This year marked the Year of the Pig, the last of the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac calendar.

Zhang said people have to wait 12 years for it to be the year of their zodiac, and last year was the year of the dog.

“It doesn’t happen very often, so it is something meaningful to you (when it is your zodiac year),” Zhang said.

Zhang said by having events like the Chinese New Year it brings education to people to learn



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A student decorates a lantern at the Chinese New Year celebration Tuesday evening in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

about their culture and build bonds.

“It is a great social format for different cultures to come and communicate,” Zhang said.

Monica Nonez, a student from the language company, said she is from Panama, so for her,

coming to the event helped her learn more about new cultures.

“This was my first time, but I really liked the atmosphere (of the celebration),” Nonez said.

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Students develop skills at mock interviews

By Leah Goldstein
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Career Services held a mock interview workshop for students Tuesday in the Human Services Building.

For the workshop, Career Services brought in local professionals who also attend the career fair to help students build their confidence and professionalism as they prepare to enter the workforce.

Students dressed up in professional attire, brought in resumes and attended interviews that were designed like real interviews for real jobs.

Students participated in 30-minute interviews, and after they concluded, the interviewers gave them constructive feedback.

John Marr, career adviser and interviewer at the

workshop, said the other interviewers typically ask the students behavioral questions.

These consist of more situational questions like, “Name a time when you handled conflict,” instead of basic questions like, “Tell me about yourself,” he said.

Asking these specific behavioral questions helps students control their thoughts and come up with a composed answer instead of just rambling on about themselves, Marr said.

Interviewers at the workshop said they wanted students to leave remembering the “star method,” which is situation, task, action and result, to help them answer interview questions to the best of their abilities.

Some frequently-given advice the interviewers gave students was to prepare.

Preparation is key to presenting oneself in the best

confident and professional manner, they said.

Being confident when presenting oneself is going to be a way to show the preparation and knowledge students have obtained, Marr said.

A goal Career Services has regarding the workshops, Marr said, is to teach students to build professional communication skills.


No student is going to have a perfect, composed interview without practice, he said, so both going to the mock interview workshops and preparing for real-life interviews afterwards is important.

Raven Ramsey, a junior construction management major, was one of the students who attended the workshop, and she said she had some very positive feedback for it.

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Trump calls for end of resistance politics in State of Union address

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing a divided Congress for the first time, President Donald Trump on Tuesday called on Washington to reject "the politics of revenge, resistance and retribution." He warned emboldened Democrats that "ridiculous partisan investigations" into his administration and businesses could hamper a surging American economy.

Trump's appeals for bipartisanship in his State of the Union address clashed with the rancorous atmosphere he has helped cultivate in the nation's capital— as well as the desire of most Democrats to block his agenda during his next two years in office. Their opposition was on vivid display as Democratic congresswomen in the audience formed a sea of white in a nod to early 20th-century suffragettes.

Trump spoke at a critical moment in his presidency, staring down a two-year stretch that will determine whether he is re-elected or leaves office in defeat. His speech sought to shore up Republican support that had eroded slightly during the recent government shutdown and previewed a fresh defense against Democrats as they ready a round of investigations into every aspect of his administration.

"If there is going to be peace and legislation, there cannot be war and investigation," he declared. Lawmakers in the cavernous House chamber sat largely silent.

Looming over the president's address was a fast-approaching Feb. 15 deadline to fund the government and avoid another shutdown. Democrats have refused to acquiesce to his demands for a border wall, and Republicans are increasingly unwilling to shut down the government to help him fulfill his signature campaign pledge. Nor does the GOP support the president's plan to declare a national emergency if Congress won't fund the wall.

Wary of publicly highlighting those intraparty divisions, Trump made no mention of an emergency declaration in his remarks, though he did offer a lengthy defense of his call for a border wall. But he delivered no ultimatums about what it would take for him to sign legislation to keep the government open.

"I am asking you to defend our very dangerous southern border out of love and devotion to our fellow citizens and to our country," he said.

Trump devoted much of his speech to foreign policy. He announced details of a second meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un, outlining a summit on Feb. 27 and 28 in Vietnam.

Postal worker among 4 shot on Illinois freeway

OAK FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service says a woman who was fatally shot along an interstate in suburban Chicago was a longtime postal worker.

The woman was shot Monday evening, several hours after a separate shooting along the same freeway wounded a man and two boys.

The Postal Service says Tamara Clayton-Shelton had been employed with the agency since 1993 and was a mail handler at the Chicago International Military Service Center facility.

The agency released a statement saying it's "deeply saddened on hearing of this tragedy" and is praying for her family.

Illinois State Police say the 55-year-old woman was alone in a car when she was shot around 10 p.m. Monday on northbound Interstate 57 near Oak Forest, just south of Chicago. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Authorities say pilot in fatal California wreck had fake ID

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The man piloting a small plane that broke apart over a Southern California neighborhood had false credentials identifying him as a retired Chicago police officer, authorities said Tuesday, but they still had no immediate answers for the cause of the crash.

Antonio Pastini was killed when the twin-engine plane he was piloting broke up shortly after takeoff and fell in pieces in Yorba Linda, igniting a fire in a home where four people died on Sunday. Pastini, 75, was initially identified as a retired officer, but Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said there were no records of him working for the department.

Orange County sheriff's spokeswoman Carrie Braun said the credentials recovered from Pastini were not legitimate, but that the pilot was indeed Pastini.

Yearbook staff disagree on whether racist photo was mix-up

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The racist yearbook photo that could sink Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's career may have been mistakenly placed on his profile page—but even if it were put there intentionally, it's unlikely that many students would have noticed, according to alumni who put together the publication or submitted pictures to it 35 years ago.

Dr. Giac Chan Nguyen-Tan, a physician practicing in Connecticut, remembers that a page he laid out for the 1984 Eastern Virginia Medical School yearbook was changed without his knowledge before publication.

"Could (the offensive photo) have been slipped in there? Absolutely," he said, adding that he doesn't remember laying out Northam's page, which ended up including a photo of one person in blackface and another dressed in a Ku Klux Klan hood and robes.

Fellow yearbook staffer Dr. William Elwood said it's unlikely someone could have pulled a prank because a limited number of people had keys to the yearbook room.

Abrams accuses Trump in response to address

ATLANTA (AP) — Stacey Abrams stepped onto the biggest stage of her political career Tuesday and accused President Donald Trump and his fellow Republicans of abandoning working Americans and fomenting partisan and cultural discord.

The Georgia Democrat introduced herself to the nation months after narrowly losing her bid to become America's first black female governor. Instead, she became the first black woman to deliver a State of the Union response.

Speaking from a union hall in Atlanta, Abrams combined her party's vision of a more unified society with her personal story as a black daughter of the Deep South.

"These were our family values: faith, service, education and responsibility," she said, arguing for "this uncommon grace of community."

"We do not succeed alone," she added. "In these United States, when times are tough, we can persevere because our friends and neighbors will come for us."

Abrams identified Trump as architect of a 35-day partial government shutdown that ended last month, though a possible reprise looms in the coming weeks. "The shutdown was a stunt engineered by the president of the United States," Abrams said, "one that defied every tenet of fairness and abandoned not just our people, but our values."

Abrams' selection by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer was a nod to her rising political fortunes despite her defeat last year. Encouraged by her ability to push Republican-run Georgia toward battleground status, Schumer is trying to persuade Abrams to run for a Republican-held Senate seat in 2020 — two years after she won more votes than any Democrat in Georgia history, including presidential candidates.

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Panther Power | 5:00 - 6:30 PM | Synergy Studio, Student Rec Center

Sculpt and Tone | 5:00 - 5:45 PM | Aerobics Room, Student Rec Center

City Council approves 9 mutual aid agreements

By Corryn Brock
Associate News Editor | @corryn_brock

The Charleston City Council approved nine mutual aid agreements along with four other resolutions during their Tuesday night meeting.

The agreements will be made individually between the City of Charleston and Charleston and the Clark County Ambulance Service, Dunn's Ambulance Service, the Village of Greenup, the Kansas Fire Protection District, the City of Mattoon, the Mitchell-Jerden Ambulance Service, the Oakland Fire Protection District, the Shrader Ambulance Service and the Toledo Area Ambulance Service.

The agreements were made because "the necessity to cooperate and work together to provide for mutual aid and contingency assistance for ambulance services" was recognized.

Council Member Jeff Lahr said the agreement was beneficial to all parties involved.

"By definition it's mutually beneficial," Lahr said.

According to the resolution it is "in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Charleston that backup ambulance assistance is available to the City during times of disaster."

In the intergovernmental agreements

cities/agencies will send assistance "upon the determination that an emergency exists and subject to the availability of human and equipment resources" to the requesting city/agency.

Cities/agencies will request assistance from the other party when it has been concluded that the assistance is essential to protect life.

Mayor Brandon Combs' reappointment of people to a commission and two boards were approved.

Doug McDermand was reappointed to a three-year term on the Fire and Police Board of Commissioners.

Dale McCullough and Ian Pendergast-White were reappointed to three-year terms on the Charleston Tree Commission.

Matthew Mittelstaedt, Michael Watts, and Dale Wolf were reappointed to three-year terms on the Tourism Advisory Board.

Combs said he is appreciative of the people who were reappointed during the meeting.

"They're very important," Combs said on the positions the men were reappointed to. "It means a lot to me that these individuals are willing to take the time out of their everyday busy schedules and lives to spend the time on these commissions to help things run more smoothly."

Combs said the tree commission, that

McCullough and Pendergast-White were reappointed to, has been popular in town.

"The tree commission has been huge, especially with all the trees being planted around the city and out by the lake," Combs said.

The sale of surplus equipment from the Charleston Police Department that have been deemed obsolete or surplus was also approved at the meeting.

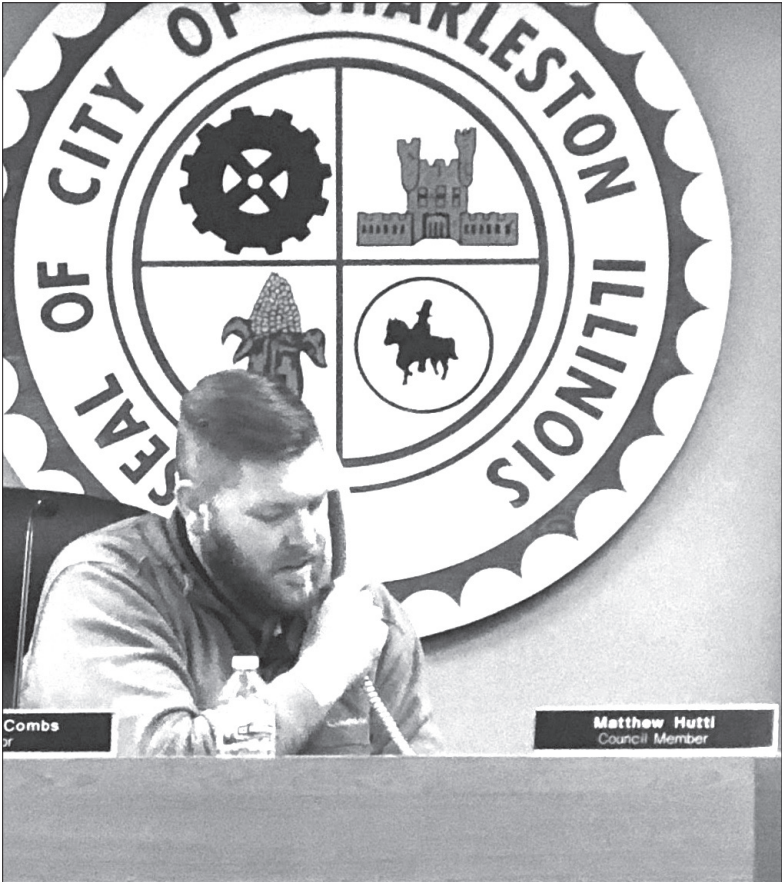
The items include two Jotto Desk partitions, two Jotto Desk radio consoles, two Jotto Desk armrest printer containers, two Whelen LFL Liberty 49-inch bars with traffic adviser and two sets of Jotto Desk rear window armor.

A resolution was approved that renewed the agreement with Bushue Human Resources, Inc. to continue to provide risk management and consulting services to allow for the effective and efficient provision of insurance.

The council approved abating the tax levied for 2018 to on debt service on \$6,140,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 A and \$950,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 B.

No presentations, petitions, or communications were brought to the council.

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Mayor Brandon Combs calls Council Member Matthew Hutti so Hutti can participate in voting during the Tuesday night meeting.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Be the good that the world needs

With it now being the second month of 2019, many people (including some of us on the Editorial staff) have found that the first month of the year has not been quite as refreshing as we planned.

And that's OK; after all, January is just another month, and with these wacky temperatures, it is no surprise that there has seemed to be a general discomfort and tenseness building in a lot of people lately.

Added to the pressure of classes, there is all the reason for there to be some frustration, anxiety and/or bitterness lingering around campus.

And it can be hard. It's easy to feel angry at other people and at the world in general because the first month of 2019 has been pretty annoying.

However, that is no reason to be a jerk to someone else. That is no reason to lash out at someone who doesn't deserve it. That is no reason to put someone out.

It is easy to have bitter feelings right now because there are a lot of stressors around us at this point in time. As a result, there are not a lot of people who will go out of their way to do good for the sake of doing good.

But this is actually a great opportunity to be a light to others who are experiencing similar feelings. If you cannot see a light, be the light.

Our society has made us only want to do good things if we get something out of it. Most people seldom volunteer unless they are required to for an organization. People want to get something if they're giving something.

But a sad thing about the world is that it will usually not give you what you put into it. At least, not in the way you are probably expecting.

That is why it is important to keep in mind that life is about much more than what you get out of it. Most of us certainly do not deserve the inconveniences that 2019 has thrown us so far, but we have the option to change it, or let it change us.

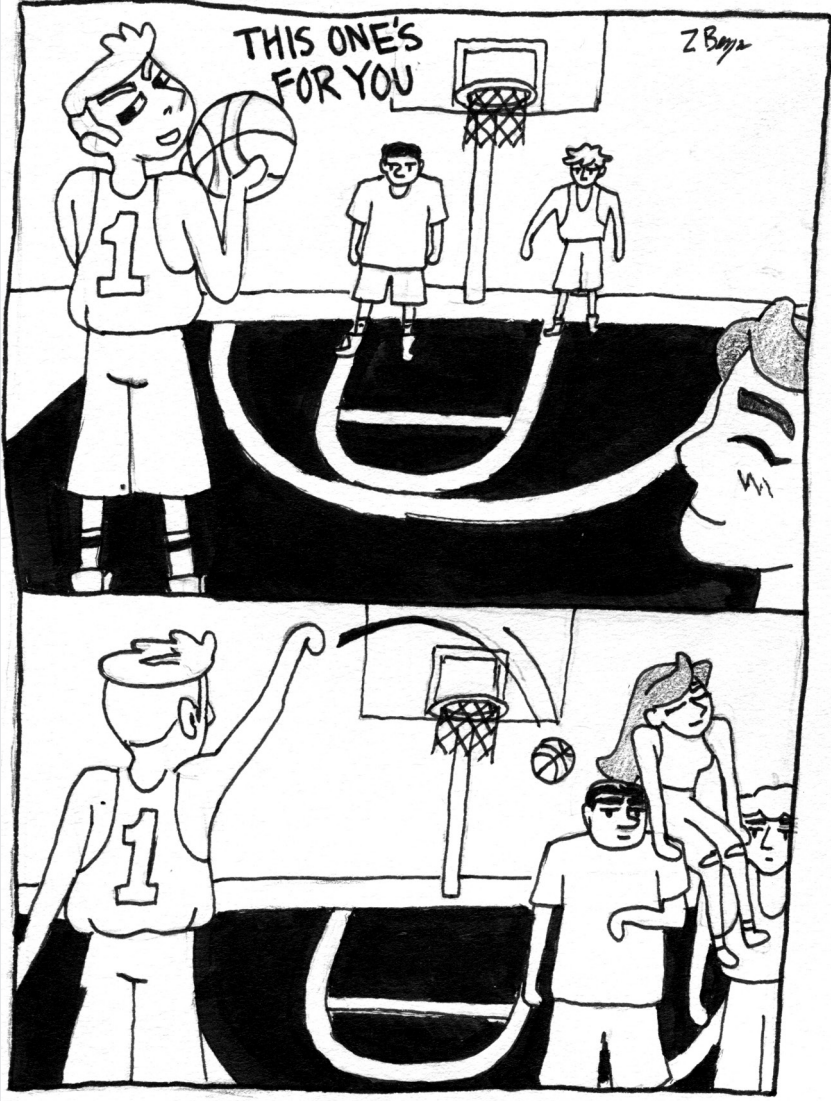
There is nothing negative that can come out of extending a helping hand to someone or sharing an encouraging word. In fact, by serving as a light to others, you might find your own world brightening a little.

Not to mention, we doubt that anyone who has sat on their deathbed wished they showed less kindness to others.

So do good deeds, and help other people. The world needs someone like you to help restore hope.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

At least he took a shot



ZACH BERGER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

2020 Diaries: Week 1's contenders summarized

An exciting week has passed. The Cockroaches—I mean candidates, are declaring left and farther left. In one corner, we have Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, Indiana. His claim to fame? He's a Democrat from Indiana who isn't named Evan Bayh. Just imagine Pete the Prospector and you'll be close.

Next up, hailing from New York, we have Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. If you can think of something interesting, let me know. While you're at it, do the same for John Delaney. Former Representative from Maryland, first to launch his campaign, and ... nope, still don't care. Jim Gilmore called, he needs you to stop being boring.

Next, we have the first member of the Old Folk's Home, Elizabeth Warren. She's trucking along, acting all indignant at donations. That'll change when she realizes that no one cares. At least she's interesting, not only her weird policies but even her DNA. For now, she's in the top two, only behind Senator Kamala Harris.

Harris, for her part had a decent launch. No large scandal, successfully overshadowed a few others, acted properly indignant with the Ralph Northam situation, and raised a sizable amount of cash. Polling wise she sits in a solid spot, which will change once the other contenders stop smiling at her. California has moved its primary date forward to help her out, the question is whether Iowans will reject her first.

Julian Castro (Housing and Urban Development secretary under Obama) is running for vice president. But don't tell him; he's still in denial.

Then we have Tulsi Gabbard, representative from Hawaii. When she's not alienating her base, she's pretending to be relevant. She'll hit Iowa, get lost in the corn, appear a week later, and no one will even realize she was gone. At least the beaches in Hawaii are nice come February.

Finally, we have Cory Booker, Senator from New Jersey. He's here to hug it out. Forget campaigning, he'll give you a nice group hug at the



WILLIAM OUTZEN

convention. Don't believe me? Ask T-Bone.

So who won this week? Our very luck Kamala Harris. Her announcement was well-timed, she capitalized on early donations, and successfully buried some unfavorable stories. Quite impressive for a West Coastal elite. Our runner up is Pete Buttigieg, who wins by merely not losing. He had a stealthy good week, highlighting dif-

ferences with his fellow contenders and not saying anything weird. May the election gods guide them forward.

Our biggest loser was Cory Booker. Right when he made his announcement, the Ralph Northam story broke, effectively slamming his opening shut. He's lost all momentum, which is terrible luck. Biden and Sanders hover just offscreen, ready to capitalize on any weakness. If he wants any shot, he needs to do something big to recapture the attention.

Finally, my prediction. Right now, all I can say is that it won't be Harris, Sanders, or Biden. Biden is weird, Harris is too far left, and Sanders doesn't appeal to independents. Which moderate will claim the nomination? Until more enter I can't say, except it won't be Delaney. That guy's just boring.

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Everyone should try watching a foreign Netflix show

Last week, I went to German Club to watch a German Netflix Original television show called "Babylon Berlin." The show takes place in 1929 in Berlin. The main character is Gereon Rath, a police inspector who was transferred to Berlin from Cologne. Rath is a World War I veteran and suffers from PTSD. He is investigating one of the biggest pornography rings in Berlin. A subplot about the Russian revolution follows Soviet supporters of Leon Trotsky as they hijack a train carrying something extremely important for the revolution. Trotsky was a Marxist theorist and wanted to take down Joseph Stalin. The show is suspenseful and has a lot of twists and turns as people are constantly going behind one another's back.

The dialog in the show is in German, but Netflix will play the English version, which in my opinion is not as good. The English

dubbing does not match what the German actors' lips are speaking. I find this distracting and prefer to watch foreign movies and television shows in their original language with English subtitles at the bottom of the screen.

I have had a thing for watching new Netflix or Hulu shows that are made in other countries for a couple years now. It all started when I was tired of watching the same TV shows on Netflix and went searching for new ones.

That's when I came across the Spanish Netflix original "Cable Girls," or in Spanish, Las chicas del cable. "Cable Girls" is about four young women working in the first national telephone company in Madrid in the 1920s. Each of the girls has a different life story. One is in an abusive relationship, another is exploring her sexuality, one is ly-



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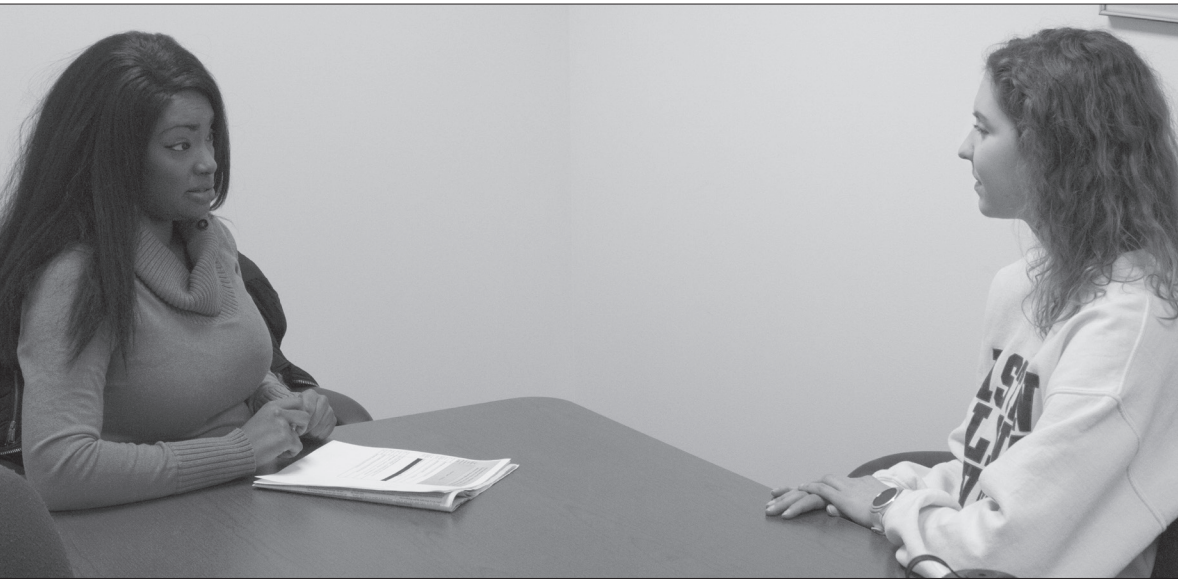
ing about her identity, and the last is adjusting to life in a big city. This show released its third season last year, and I cannot wait for the fourth. Just like "Babylon Berlin," I watch this show in its original language with English subtitles.

I highly encourage everyone to watch foreign TV shows. You get to learn about other cultures and the historical events that happened during that time from the perspective of the people of that country. I think most TV shows that are not from America are really intriguing and constantly leave you on the edge of your seat. I have seen lots of bad American TV shows and movies, but I have yet to see a bad one from a foreign country. If anyone would like recommendations for good foreign shows, just send me an email. I have tons of shows I can recommend, mostly German ones though, because I watched a lot of them in my German classes throughout the years.

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Allegra Thigpen (left), a college recruiter from State Farm, gives a mock interview to Autumn Wisz, a senior majoring in health communications.

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She said the advice from the interviewers was good to boost her confidence speaking with professionals, and she aims to lead future interviews with certainty and poise.

Ramsey said she decided to participate because after she saw the email Eastern sent to students, she thought it would be a great opportunity to learn how to be a better interviewee.

She said she prepared for the workshop

by maintaining the attitude that the interviews there were no different than real interviews for real jobs.

Ramsey said something new she learned from the workshop was how to handle situational and conflict questions by giving composed, clear answers.

She would certainly recommend the workshop to any student who would like to learn more about how to be the best interviewee, regardless of past experience,

she said.

This opportunity is very helpful to students because they are not just getting feedback from their professors and people they are comfortable with, but they are getting it from real professionals who can give real feedback, she said.

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Zhang said most of the celebration is to have a family reunion with loved ones, and it is their most important holiday.

She said they traditionally have a 7 to 15 day holiday for this Chinese New Year, so it gives people time to go back home and celebrate with their family.

Zhang said since they have a long celebration the Chinese students will then have more traditional food gatherings and do the lucky money activity if they travel home.

An activity at the event was the red envelope pull, which is an envelope in China that always contains money that is given to children from their parents or grandparents as a Chinese New Year gift.

Bing Bai, a senior, said for him a tradition he has is having families gather and eat dumplings.

“Dumpling is so difficult for us to make, so we don’t have some today,” Bai said.

Traditional Chinese foods served at

the celebration were white rice, orange chicken and vegetable rolls.

Students from different culture organizations like the international students or Esperanza lined up to eat the traditional food.

Bai said it was important for him to come to the celebration because the Eastern Chinese community is his family away from home.

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Jon Oliver, a Senate member, agreed with Stowell and added that although he is willing to support Bruns’ premonition, there is a possibility that the ACFs Bruns met with just told him what he wanted to hear during his department visits.

Billy Hung, the Senate recorder, agreed with Bruns and said the incentive is the guaranteed seat.

“I think we’re making this a very mindful and purposeful inclusion as opposed to just opening the door and letting everyone come in; we’re sending out an invitation saying, ‘Would you please join us?’” Hung said. “I think there’s a difference.”

Oliver recommended having a special election instead of approving the proposal immediately in order to see which ACFs were interested in order to “truly bring attention to this opportunity.”

“Could we not publicize this and have a special election vote, first week we’re back, late August so all the ACFs who are interested (in running) will know what their status would be because they will be (hired and on campus) by the second meeting they could join and serve throughout the end of the year,” Oliver said.

He said this because of the concern regarding the fact that the proposal calls for a three-year term, but ACFs base their employment at Eastern on an annual contract, meaning there is no guarantee that the contract will be renewed fro the total three-year term.

“It’s just a thought, this one position, special election, every fall,” Oliver said.

Overall, Oliver said though he is willing to follow Bruns’ proposal he is concerned that no matter what the Senate does, they will

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not be able to stimulate a response from ACFs.

“As (Stowell) said, there’s no going back at this point and now two years down the road do we have trouble every year filling this seat and we have to rely on the alternative mechanisms to fill that seat,” he said.

Bruns said there might be value to that, but he said he is concerned about the message it would send.

He also said the Senate is being overly cautious.

“I think we already have an abundance of evidence that when there isn’t a dedicated seat you really have no reason to be here, they don’t,” Bruns said. “But when there is a dedicated seat then it feels like, ‘I represent ACF,’ and that is enough to get them excited to do it.”

The proposal passed. Stowell and Oliver voted no.

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Valen Fulton, a freshman art education major, works on a project for her art class in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Tuesday night. The main goal of her project was to create an interesting and unique architectural sculpture out of wood pieces.

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38 Salad fork
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Windler is third in the conference in scoring (19.2 ppg) and leads the OVC in rebounding (10 rpg). At 6-foot-8 and 200 lbs, Windler is five inches taller and 25 pounds heavier than Morant.

Windler in almost any other given year in the OVC would be considered the conference's best player, but thanks to how polarizing and how rare of a talent Morant is, Windler has taken a back seat. But Windler is not concerned with the amount of attention he is getting. He has taken the mindset that the best thing he can do for himself and his future is be focused on what's happening in the present.

"I focus on this season as much as I can because I know there is nothing I can do to help myself rather than just playing well and winning games," Windler said. "So, I try not to think too much because I know the only things that I can control are the things I do on the court right now and those are the things that are going to get me looks and put me in a better position for next year."

Windler is a borderline second round pick on most NBA draft boards and does not appear on highlight reels quite like Morant tends to do. Windler plays in the OVC's largest city, Nashville (population: 691,243) and Morant plays in one of its more modest, Murray, Kentucky (population: 19,200).

Avoiding the media attention and the scouts is almost impossible for Morant despite playing in the smaller city. With every passing week, every stadium wowing dunk, Morant's name gets thrown around more in the national media, in NBA draft discussions and of course on social media, ignoring it all is a mute effort. Windler on the other hand, does not get the same attention. In many cases, Windler does not even know which scouts are at his games and when, he is not worried about ESPN highlights or whether he is worthy of a top five NBA draft selection, Windler can focus solely on basketball.

"I kind of just try to block that stuff out, play the way I like to play, play every night," Windler said. "If you think about it, most of the teams are going to be watching, whether it's they're at the game or on TV or watching you on film, it's months after, people are always watching. So, I just try to play free because I know if you start thinking about that stuff too much it can get to your head and it changes the way you play most of the time in a negative way."

Dylan Windler dunks a ball in Belmont's 100-87 win over Illinois State. Windler is described by his head coach as being able to do it all on a basketball court.

Windler's movement on to NBA Draft boards is a credit to his extreme work ethic. Belmont head coach Rick Byrd said he has never had a player work as hard, particularly between his junior and senior seasons, as Windler did. Windler arrived at Belmont as a basketball "late bloomer", as his school's athletic website bio describes him, but over four years has developed into one of the most athletic players in the OVC.

Byrd said Windler is the best perimeter rebounder he has ever coached, his shooting, defense and all-around play Byrd says have all grown incrementally over Windler's four years at Belmont.

"Dylan has simply become, like you hope most players do, just better in all parts of the game," Byrd said. "He came to Belmont with great skills. He's gotten stronger. His first year he didn't shoot from the three-point line like we thought he could, knew he could, he has certainly gotten better as a three-point shooter all along."

Morant is the first round, can't miss NBA prospect in the OVC. Windler is the talented, maybe slightly overlooked, player who may see himself taken in the second round of the draft. But then there is Eastern Kentucky's Nick Mayo, the third OVC player many feel can play in the NBA, but for some reason, does not appear on any draft boards.

Mayo is simply one of the most physically gifted players in the conference. At 6-foot-9 and 250 lbs, Mayo can work around the post in the OVC at will, overpowering most players that try to stop him in the paint. The big man is also smooth on his feet and with the ball in his hands, and on top of it all, Mayo can shoot the three ball.

He is second in the conference in scoring (23 ppg) and fifth in rebounding (8.2 rpg). He leads the conference in made free throws (141) and free-throw percentage (87 percent). Defensively, Mayo uses his long arms to stifle shots at the rim and make scoring in the paint a tall task for opponents. Mayo is second in the OVC with 40 blocked shots this season.

Byrd says Mayo might be the hardest player to guard in the conference that he has seen in the last six or seven years. Windler said he can see Mayo playing as a good stretch-four in the NBA and Mayo's own coach, A.W. Hamilton, says there

is "absolutely no question about it" that Mayo can play in the NBA.

"He has had one of best careers as anybody that's ever played in the OVC," Hamilton said. "He's been an incredible player for Eastern Kentucky, he's been an ambassador for our program and will be an ambassador for the OVC. Really proud of him, I think he moved into the top-10 all-time in the OVC in scoring so he is a tremendous player, he is an unbelievable person, he's an incredible student-athlete and he'll have his shot at the NBA because one day he will play games where he doesn't get double teamed and that day will come soon."

"He's a really good shooter, he's an incredible passer, he's an unbelievable teammate so he's a special one," Hamilton added. "He's going to go down as one of the top-5, top-6 players to ever play in the OVC."

Hamilton said Mayo deserves to get more attention when it comes to an NBA future. His stats this season are better than those of Murray State's Jonathan Stark (21.4 ppg, 2.4 rpg in 2017-2018) who won OVC player of the year and was signed by the Minnesota Timberwolves after last season.

"The career he's had... it's been unreal," Hamilton said. "There has only maybe been seven or eight players in the history of this league that have had the career he has had. I do think he has been overlooked and we have got to continue to celebrate, and we will at Eastern Kentucky because we are very proud of him."

Mayo was a bit more reserved when talking about his NBA future. The big man talked softly and humbly for someone who rivals LeBron James in size.

Eastern Kentucky's Nick Mayo works on Eastern's Rade Kukobat in Eastern Kentucky's 67-66 loss to Eastern on Jan. 31. Mayo is second in the Ohio Valley Conference in scoring (23 ppg) and also averages 8.2 rebounds per game.

"I suppose (I see myself as an NBA player)," Mayo said. "It's been a dream of mine, a goal of mine since I was a kid. So that's what I work for everyday and I work hard for that to happen and I have got to continue to do that."

Mayo does not think about whether or not he is overlooked in the draft discussions. Like Windler, his focus is on winning games at Eastern Kentucky, and if that leads him to the NBA, then so be it.

As Mayo put it, "whatever happens happens."

Morant, Windler and Mayo play in the same conference as of right now but



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Belmont senior Dylan Windler drives the lane in Belmont's 100-89 win over Illinois State on Nov. 10. Windler is averaging 19.2 points and 10 rebounds per game for the Bruins this season.

play under very different microscopes. Morant has become America's mid-major darling, Windler is a name that shuffles around draft boards and Mayo may be the one of the more overlooked mid-major prospects in the nation. But they are all Ohio Valley Conference basketball players right now, and all hope to one day put the conference on the map and bring it a stronger reputation.

What the trio means to their schools and the conference cannot be stated enough. All three of their coaches agreed that having them as alumni will help with

their recruiting and what they can do for the conference on the national scene is something that excites the OVC.

"It brings a great level of visibility to the league," OVC commissioner Beth DeBauche said. "The OVC certainly has focused on basketball over its history but having NBA-caliber student-athletes really puts an additional spotlight."

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How Morant, Windler and Mayo aim to make the NBA and change the OVC forever

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Editors note: This article chronicles the journeys of the Ohio Valley Conference's Ja Morant, Dylan Windler and Nick Mayo as they transition from OVC basketball players and NBA prospects to professional players and ambassadors for their conference and schools.

It was not Madison Square Garden, it was certainly not the Staples Center, but on Jan. 10 Murray State's sophomore guard Ja Morant brought the 3,114 people in attendance at the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center for a game between Murray State and Tennessee-Martin to their feet when he elevated completely over another player, throwing down a dunk that would light up social media and draw an "ohhhhhhhh" from the Tennessee-Martin crowd. But, Ja Morant was just doing what Ja Morant does, making people excited about watching basketball, regardless of the venue.

Martin, Tenn. is no New York City, no Los Angeles, in fact the entire population of Martin (10,543) would not even fill to capacity Madison Square Garden or the Staples Center. But for now, it is the cities of the Ohio Valley Conference, inconspicuous places like Jacksonville, Alabama (population: 12,612) and Charleston, Illinois (population: 20,018) where Morant will have to rock rims and bring people out of their seats. Morant does not really care however, for now he is just enjoying the ride. Selling out small arenas in small towns is what he is doing, and he is soaking it all in.

"My focus really isn't really on (cities like New York and Los Angeles)," Morant said in an interview with The Daily Eastern News. "Really it's on the cities that I am playing in now, just to try and push my team to come out and win."

Arenas like the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center and Lantz Arena in

Charleston do not typically fill up, but when Morant, Murray State's human highlight reel comes to town, the community responds. Knowing he is an attraction for cities that do not typically have attractions is something Morant says "kind of feels good."

"Just to say that I wasn't known and just to see that everybody is coming out just to support and just see me play is good," Morant said.

Morant has embraced the small towns he is playing in, and for the most part, those towns have embraced him when he shows up to play.

During halftime warmups on Jan. 17 in Lantz Arena for a game between Murray State and Eastern, an Eastern fan got his camera out and shouted at Morant "do a 360!" Morant smirked at the fan and gave him a subtle nod of acknowledgment at his request. The next time it was Morant's turn at the basket, he threw the ball in the air, bounced it off the court and soared into the air delivering the 360 dunk the fans clamored for. The fans loved it; Morant loved it.

"I am just big on people," Morant said. "I love talking back. But, once the game gets started and gets rolling, I try to stay focused and stay between the four lines on the court."

Against Eastern that day, Morant would deliver his team an 83-61 win, contributing 27 points on 11-of-14 shooting, 10 assists and not one, but two plays that would appear on SportsCenter's top 10 plays that night.

That's the type of play that has become expected of Morant, and it is the exact reason small towns fill up arenas to see him and why Morant is rocketing up NBA Draft boards.

Morant leads the OVC in scoring (24 ppg), assists (10.6 apg) and is without question the conference's most athletic and explosive player, as evidenced by his frequent appearances on ESPN and the Twitter feeds of the NBA media.



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Murray State guard Ja Morant takes the ball up the court in Murray State's 83-61 win over Eastern on Jan. 17. Morant leads the Ohio Valley conference in scoring (24 ppg) and assists (10 apg).

Some say Morant could be the top pick in the NBA draft in June, others have already paired him with Deandre Ayton and Devin Booker in Phoenix, some have him christened to be the savior of the New York Knicks or the Chicago Bulls franchises.

Morant however, is keeping all of the talk about his NBA future, well, in the future. For now, he is content drawing cheers and "oooohs" from the crowds of OVC towns.

Travel just 152 miles to the East on the same night Morant was dunking

over Tennessee-Martin's Quintin Dove, sending ripples across the OVC and basketball Twitter and you'd find Belmont's senior guard Dylan Windler, the OVC's other, much lesser known, NBA prospect.

On the same night Morant was putting Dove on his back, Windler was in front of his home crowd doing exactly what it is that has helped him catch the eye of NBA scouts. Windler scored 12 points on 4-of-7 shooting and grabbed six rebounds in a Belmont win over Morehead State, contributing to a Bel-

mont win in all facets of the game.

Belmont senior Dylan Windler drives the lane in Belmont's 100-89 win over Illinois State on Nov. 10. Windler is averaging 19.2 points and 10 rebounds per game for the Bruins this season.

It was a good, but meager performance for Windler, especially when compared to the one Morant had on the same night. But while Windler lacks in the flash and highlight reel plays in comparison to Morant, he too, can stack a stat sheet.

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Slaria, Diallo talk about moving countries

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As the air vessel fell, incrementally closing in on O'Hare International Airport, the speed breaks sprung into operation and the flaps flung up. Senior Srishiti Slaria descended on what would be her home for the next four years, with the ripples of Lake Michigan and Chicago's skyline peering through her airplane window.

Her parents were in close proximity, but soon they would not be.

Although the 17-year-old Slaria arrived in Chicago with her parents, they were only to accompany her on the voyage, not the journey.

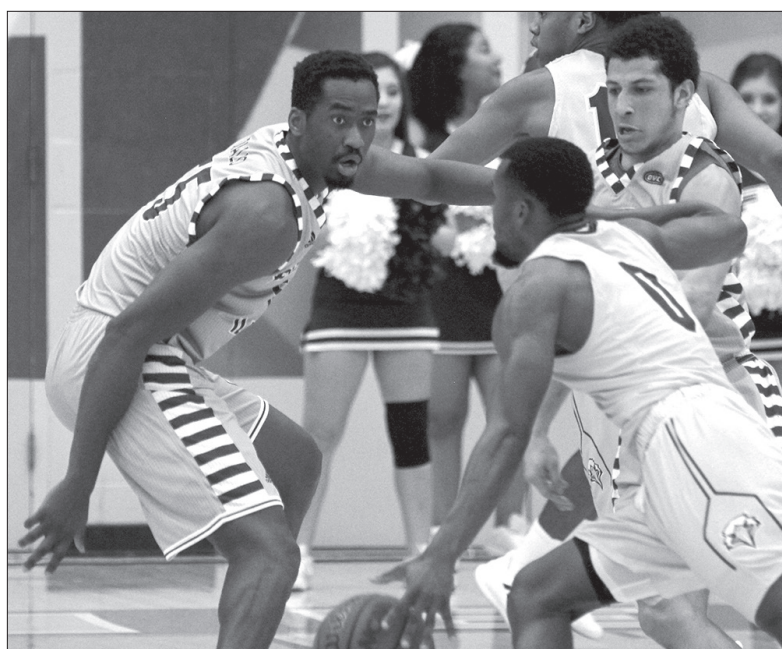
Then they were gone. They boarded a plane back to India, where Slaria's route to collegiate tennis began.

That reality proved most difficult, for the separation from loved ones was quite a variation in her routine.

Such are the trials of the international athlete. Entire oceans, continents and time zones stand in the way of both them and their familial contacts abroad. The differences between life in the United States and their native countries are night and day.

When the hands on the Alumni Association clock tower turn to 10:00 p.m., and the Alma mater song harmonizes in unison, the time in New Delhi is 9:30 a.m.

Keeping in touch, even with access to Skype or other video messaging applications, can be a taxing, and sometimes im-



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Aboubacar Diallo (far left) plays defense on a Morehead State player in Eastern's 84-78 loss to the Eagles on Saturday. Diallo is a native of the Ivory Coast.

possible target to reach.

"I just think the hardest part is being away from the family," Slaria said.

Senior men's basketball player Aboubacar Diallo's mom worries. She has always worried about her six-foot-nine, 200-pound center, who passed Mussa Dama for the third most blocks in school history on Saturday.

Aside from a virtual reunion on Facebook, she cannot see him. They live nearly 6,000 miles apart—he in Charleston, Illinois, and she in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Diallo no longer informs his mom of the back and hip injuries on the basketball court, anxious she might conceive them more severe than they happen to be in reality.

When he reported his afflictions to her in high school, his mom grew disconcerted.

"So I have to keep by myself, and keep fight through and get better every day," Diallo said.

Any time she ask me questions, I say, 'I'm fine.'"

His mom has not been able to watch any of his games. But if she were in attendance, Diallo's performance would, in response, vastly improve.

"If you know your mom watch you, it's not like somebody else, it's your mom," Diallo said. "You want your mom to be proud of you. So you want to do everything well, not good, but well."

There have been struggles, none of them dealing even tangentially with basketball.

His frustrations have been the product of an unfamiliarity with the English language, of an aversion to the American diet, of his annoyance with the unforgiving weather patterns of the Midwest.

Diallo has found the task of conquering the English language a challenge, if only because of the time it takes to complete assignments and exams.

Diallo once spent four hours typing one page of text for an English paper his freshman year at Eastern.

Teachers in high school permitted him to use Google in order to decipher test questions, though three years later, as a freshman college student, his teachers prohibited such an accommodation.

On the court, he was busy translating defense into offense.

And off it, it meant translating English into French, his native tongue.

In his junior and senior years of high school, when Diallo began a life in the United States, a Canadian player on his basketball team was a channel through which Diallo, who knew little English upon his arrival, could communicate

with his coaches.

The day his coaches picked him up as a junior, they asked where he wanted to eat that day.

Diallo had a place in mind.

He had a hankering for McDonalds.

Diallo, in fact, had never been to one before, as McDonalds does not exist back home.

It did not take long for him to deem McDonalds, like the American diet in general, as subpar.

"Your food sucks," Diallo said.

In Slaria's experience, acclimating to tennis in the United States required patience. Back on the tennis circuit in India, players were on their own. Spectators did not erupt in excitement, unlike how, throughout her collegiate career, Slaria's teammates have shouted out their approval during matches.

"It is hard to have some people cheering on you," Slaria said. "You can get intimidated by it."

Slaria, whose father is a government employee, moved the family on 15 separate occasions as part of his job, switching schools every year and a half or so. She was, in a sense, used to moving by freshman year.

"I think I have had that adaptability of going to new places, meeting new people and adjusting," Slaria said. "I think that's the biggest thing I feel helped me adjust because I know how it is to come to a new place."

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